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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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REMARKS

Applicant offers the following comments in response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance set forth on pages 2 and 3 of the Notice of Allowability dated June 9, 2005. The Examiner's statement should not be misinterpreted as meaning that the feature identified by the Examiner is the only patentable feature in any of the claims. The independent claims and the dependent claims also include various other aspects which provide a separate basis for patentability. The Examiner's statement paraphrases a portion of the subject matter of the claims, but each claim should be interpreted using its own precise language, and not the paraphrase and summary included in the Examiner's statement.

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Patent Office personnel are requested to note that the present submission does not adversely affect the patent term adjustment accrued by the Applicant to date. As emphasized in the “Clarification of 37 C.F.R. §1.704(c)(10) – Reduction of Patent Term Adjustment for Certain Types of Papers Filed After a Notice of Allowance Has Been Mailed,” 1247OG111 (6/26/01), “a response to the examiner’s reasons for allowance” is an example of a paper that does “not cause substantial interference and delay in the patent issue process” and is “not considered a ‘failure to engage in reasonable efforts’ to conclude processing or examination of the application.” Therefore, the Applicant remains entitled to the full patent term adjustment set forth on page 3 of the Notice of Allowance dated June 9, 2005.

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